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pioneer days in making Nebraska the lovely, beautiful state that it is. I could become very emotional this morning because as the flowering trees come out, we don't have anything to apologize for in Nebraska about the beauty of our state. So I hope you will take the tree home and plant it, and as I say, remember that years from now and look at that tree and say that's my legislative tree. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the north balcony. Senator Elmer would like to recognize Dr. Tami Johnson of Cambridge who is serving as doctor of the day today on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Next item on the agenda is Final Reading. I would ask the Senators to please be seated so we can proceed. Senator Dierks, did you wish to be recognized for a point of personal privilege?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, yes, please, if you please, Madam President. This was not a resolution that Senator Crosby talked about, is that right?

PRESIDENT MOUL: No, it wasn't. It was a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I just wanted to add a comment or two to her comments. The fact that the Arbor Day, what it means to all of Nebraskans, what it means especially to those of us in rural Nebraska whose many of our ranches and farms were homesteaded by use of what they call the tree claim and people were allowed to prove up on this land by planting so many acres of trees on each quarter. A number of those quarters still have some of these cottonwood trees that are 100 years old and I think that it also shows the fervor that ranchers and farmers have toward the tree planting industry by the way that they use these trees today through the NRDs to promote living windbreaks and promote soil conservation and a place for protection for the livestock. I think it shows very vividly the feeling that agriculturalists have for their soil and for their livestock and I just want to put that on the record. Thank you very much, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Would...Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: I'm sorry. I meant to mention that the